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TOTAL LOCKDOWN

▶ CM to make formal announcement later today ▶ Fresh guidelines by evening ▶ Tough measures to check surge of positive cases

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa holding a crucial meeting in Bengaluru this morning on COVID control measures with Deputy Chief Ministers Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan and Laxman Savadi, Ministers Arvind Limbavali, Dr. K. Sudhakar, R. Ashok and other senior officers.

Bengaluru, May 7 (SSV)- It is now certain that Karnataka will shut completely from May 10 to May 25 in the wake of galloping Corona positive cases and casualties across the State despite clamping Corona Curfew since last ten days.

This was decided at a high-level meeting convened by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa here this morning, after the daily positive cases breached 50,000 mark and mortality crossing 300.

After two-hour-long deliberations, the CM agreed to enforce 15-day complete lockdown in the entire State from May 10 to May 25. This lockdown will be on the lines of Maharashtra which took a similar decision last month when the positive cases crossed 70,000 daily.

The CM is likely to make a formal announcement in this regard by this evening.

In the meantime, Chief Secretary P. Ravikumar will issue fresh guidelines for the 15-day lockdown.

Sources close to Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar told *SOM* that the Minister and top brass of Police, Health and BBMP strongly batted for complete lockdown since the Corona Curfew had failed to yield desired results.

There has been an undeclared medical emergency since the existing health infrastructure is unable to handle the surge in positive cases. The State was experiencing acute shortage of oxygen, beds, ventilators, ICU, oxygenated beds both in Government and Private Hospitals. The doctors are unable to treat patients due to lack of oxygen. Many patients were dying for want of oxygen and beds.

The CM was convinced that it will be impossible for the Government to handle new cases if lockdown was not ordered to check the people's movement.

The Ministers wanted Yediyurappa to withdraw all relaxations given to various sectors as it was preventing Police from acting tough on curfew violators.

Dr. Sudhakar is learnt to have told the CM that their immediate priority should be to check mortality and infection especially in Bengaluru city. This time, the contagion has spread to rural areas resulting in deaths of villagers. Last year, the villages were safe but this time they were also reporting more cases mainly due to movement of people.

The crucial meeting was attended by Deputy Chief Ministers Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan and Laxman Savadi, Forest Minister Arvind Limbavali and Revenue Minister R. Ashok.

Couldn't get ventilator bed for my wife, says Mysuru DHO

Mysuru, May 7- "My hands have become weak. I could not even arrange a bed with ventilator for my wife. Please complain to my higher officers and relieve me from my post. I am unable to handle pressure." This is how District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. T. Amarnath poured out his woes when a caller sought a ventilator bed for a patient.

Dr. Amarnath

The conversation between the caller and the DHO that has gone viral reflects the current deep crisis in Mysuru and how beds are managed. Sadly, even those in positions of authority become helpless when it comes to helping their own family members get treatment.

A relative of a COVID patient called the DHO on his mobile phone and requests him to arrange a ventilator as the patient was at ESI Hospital. He says that the patient's wife passed away two days ago

Replying, Dr. Amaranth said, "I will give you the War Room number. Please call and enquire about bed availability. How can I get you ventilator as the availability will only be known to the War Room staff."

Then the enraged caller retorted, "What sir, you are the DHO, can't you even arrange for a bed?" To this, Dr. Amarnath replied, "You see, I am not connected with bed allotment. You can complain to anybody. As DHO, I could not arrange for a ventilator bed to my wife. It is out of my hands."

When the caller said, "In that case why you should be there (as DHO)" to which Dr. Amarnath said, "Please send me, I am ready to go home. I cannot handle pressure any longer." The caller then tells the DHO that there is a bed in a Private Hospital and his (DHO's) one phone call will help in getting that bed for the patient.

Dr. Amarnath said, "I am incharge of beds only in Government Hospitals and have no say regarding beds in Private Hospitals." The DHO cuts the call and ends the conversation.

Home isolation patients to be strictly watched

Isolated patients spreading virus to family members, causing concern

Mysuru, May 7 (MTY&BCT)- With the recent spike in new cases in the second coming of the Coronavirus, health officials and the District Administration have been asked to ramp up monitoring of home isolation cases through a combination of remote (through telephone) and door-to-door outreach measures to prevent them spreading the disease to their family members.

At a closed-door meeting with District officials including Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri at Zilla Panchayat Hall this noon, Mysuru District Secretary Jayaram said that of late there were many cases where home isolation patients spreading the killer disease to family members including the elderly and children. He asked officers to monitor the isolated patients through phone calls and if need be form surveillance teams to monitor their stay and movements.

(See ISOLATION on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 7th May 2021

Amrita figures in world's Top 100

Varsities in THE Impact Rankings

Mysuru, May 7 - Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham has emerged in the Top 100 Universities in the world in the just released **Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings.** Holding 81st rank, Amrita is the only University from India to appear in the prestigious top 100 list.

THE's Impact Rankings rate Universities against the United Nation's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are global goals adopted by all UN member nations to improve life for all people in the world and protect the planet. They attempt to document evidence of the impact that Universities have upon the society, in addition to their research and teaching performance.

Amrita has been ranked No. 5 in the world for furthering SDG4 (Quality Education) and No. 8 for SDG5 (Gender Equality). The Varsity was also ranked 37th for SDG3 (Good Health & Well-Being); 52nd for SDG6 (Clean Water & Sanitation); and between 101-200 for SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure) as well as SDG17 (Partnership for The Goals).

Dr. P. Venkat Rangan, Vice-Chancellor, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, said "Our Prime Minister started the 'Institute of Eminence' programme to put Indian educational institutions within the top 100 Universities in the world in 10 years. We are therefore very happy that Amrita has found its place in the top 90 Universities in THE Impact Rankings. This is a testament to the vision of world-renowned humanitarian leader and Chancellor, Sri Mata Amritanandamayi, in setting the dual goals of education for life and compassion-driven research. The recognition would not have been possible but for the untiring efforts of our students and faculty."

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

During summer holidays, coastal children's exuberance for life would reach its pinnacle as the most exciting things happened during then. Besides freedom from school, it was the time for fairs in every temple which brought varieties of entertainment, unique toys and food, unique only to temple fair markets. It was also when the trees would be treasures as they bore fruits.

As summer progressed, the produce from the trees would start ripening. We would shake the Kokam tree to land its fruits on the ground. Coastal mango trees give a small variety of mangoes that they shed every day. Some branches would be shaken with bamboo sticks to increase our collection if they are in reach. We sat under mammoth mango trees with some books in hand to read, waiting for a strong wind, which would sway the higher branches and drop some fresh additions to our bounty. A moderate ten to fifteen percent of the collection would typically be diverted to satisfy our urges and support our metabolic process. During the summers, we would only eat mangoes, hog plums or kokum fruits. They complemented the digestion process of other hard fruits like jackfruits and guava.

The weather did not affect us. We have no memories of avoiding the sun or not being outdoors for any part of the day. Excelling in academics or becoming a professional was never an expectation from our parents. They probably did not foresee the forthcoming changes and challenges in society, requiring us to move to the cities in search of jobs, leaving small precious land to the seniors born before us. The expectation was to be happy in life and to be ethical, loving and kind. There was always affection and support even if someone failed in school or made a mistake in life. It was always attributed to unfavourable fortunes. — *Udaya Joisa in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Picasso's 'Guernica' recreated in chocolate

Basque: Confectioners in Spain used about 1,102 pounds of chocolate to create an edible version of Pablo Picasso's 1937 painting Guernica.

The painting depicts people and animals being killed and injured during the bombing by Francisco Franco's Nationalist faction.

Chocolatiers and pastry chefs hailing from Basque created the 24.6-foot-by-11.4-foot version of the painting to commemorate the 85th anniversary of the April 26, 1937, bombing of Guernica during the Spanish Civil War.

The chocolate version of Guernica is currently housed in a temperature-controlled room at the Reina Sofia art museum in Madrid, and later will be taken on tour across Spain, Germany and France.

Wine aged in space to fetch 1 million dollars

London: Auction house Christie's has announced that a bottle of French wine that spent more than a year aging on the International Space Station is expected to sell for around 1 million dollars.

Christie's said the bottle of Petrus 2000 was one of a dozen bottles of wine that were launched into orbit in 2019 and spent nearly 440 days in space before being brought back to earth. The bottle was compared to a bottle that aged on Earth in a tasting that featured a dozen wine professionals and scientists and the panel said the space bottle was found to have its own unique flavor profile.

Christie's said the wine bottle is available immediately through a private sale, with proceeds going toward funding future space missions and wine research.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Being active

Being active will help you to sleep better, maintain a healthy weight, manage your stress levels and improve your energy levels – all of these can help to improve your quality of life.

By Dr. Ravikiran - Consultant Orthopedics and Joint Replacement Surgeon

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Also called "Red Tea," rooibos tea is not actually a true tea. It comes from the needles of a broom-like bush, Aspalathus linearis, that grows in the wild in South Africa. The name "rooibos" is African slang for the Dutch word meaning "Red Bush." It has been used widely throughout South Africa for medicinal purposes.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	MAY 5	MAY 6
Day's Positive Cases	2,790	2,531
Total Positive Cases	89,822	92,353
Day's Discharges	2,075	2,341
Total Discharges	71,977	74,318
Day's Deaths	10	18
Total Deaths	1,254	1,272
Total Active Cases	16,591	16,763

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Appointed as KSOU Registrar

Prof. Rajanna

Mysuru, May 7 (MK&DM)- Prof. R. Rajanna, faculty of the Department of History, University of Mysore (UoM), has been appointed as the new Registrar of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) in Mysuru. The post had fallen vacant after Prof. Lingaraj Gandhi was appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore City University recently.

Prof. Rajanna has the experience of serving as Registrar of UoM three times previously, including twice as Registrar (Administration) and once as Registrar (Evaluation).

REALLY...?

- ***It snows in the Sahara Desert:*** *Deserts are known to have very low precipitation. And if rainfall is rare, wouldn't snowfall be even rarer? Well, the impossible happened in 2018 and the Sahara Desert was covered in a blanket of white snow. However, the snow only lasted for a day before melting under the hot sun. The first recorded snowfall was in 1979 — a snowstorm that lasted half an hour. Although temperatures drop to freezing in the night, the lack of moisture makes it almost impossible to produce any snow.*
- ***Thailand has a festival to appreciate their monkeys.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

HR: *There is a two-year gap on your CV!*
Candidate: *I was in jail.*
HR: *Why?*
Candidate: *I killed the guy who told me "we'll call you back."*
HR: *Welcome on board, you have the job !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.66
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 102.45
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.05
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.88

VOICE OF THE READER

Irresponsible societal behaviour : Major cause for COVID spread

Sir,

I had just finished a phone conversation with a friend on the consequences of 6 am to 10 am shopping window when I received the copy of *SOM* on 30th April. Headlines — **"MAD RUSH."** What else?

In our country 'People's behaviour' has become more of a pandemic whereas commonsense and implicit obedience to orders would have contained COVID better.

The latter is largely manifested in the very same *SOM* issue where Tibetan Colony in Bylakuppe of 40,000 inhabitants have contained COVID very successfully, observing protocols for 400-odd days.

This behaviour and attitude speaks of community responsibility and commonsense that helps local administration to concentrate on more important aspects.

In the current scenario, it was not right on the part of the Government to allow a 4-hour window of 6 am to 10 am. Commonsense suggests that people would herd like sheep violating all protocols with gay abandon. And that is what is seen in the pictures printed in *SOM*.

We have examples of many countries where Government orders are respected implicitly under crises. Ultimately, cooperation from populace is more critical to containment. God save our masses.

—V. N. Prasad
Emerald Enclave
1.5.2021

Obituary

Aleem Sarkar

Mysuru, May 7- Aleem Sarkar (60), proprietor of Taj Press at Mandi Mohalla and a resident of Udayagiri, passed away yesterday night at a private hospital in city following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle this morning.

Kotramada Chippa Biddappa

Kotramada Chippa Biddappa (54), a resident of Vijayanagar 4th Stage, passed away yesterday in city. A native of Srimangala in Kodagu district, he leaves behind his wife, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed yesterday at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam.

Rajamma

Rajamma Puttasiddaiah (70), wife of Rajyotsava awardee Puttasiddaiah, passed away yesterday, following brief illness.

She leaves behind her husband, sons Shivaprasad, Shankar and Somashekar, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the family's farm land in Kote Hundi village in the taluk yesterday evening.

Lingaraju

Lingaraju (50), a Head Constable, serving in the Intelligence Wing and a resident of UB City Layout near BEML check-post, passed away yesterday following brief illness.

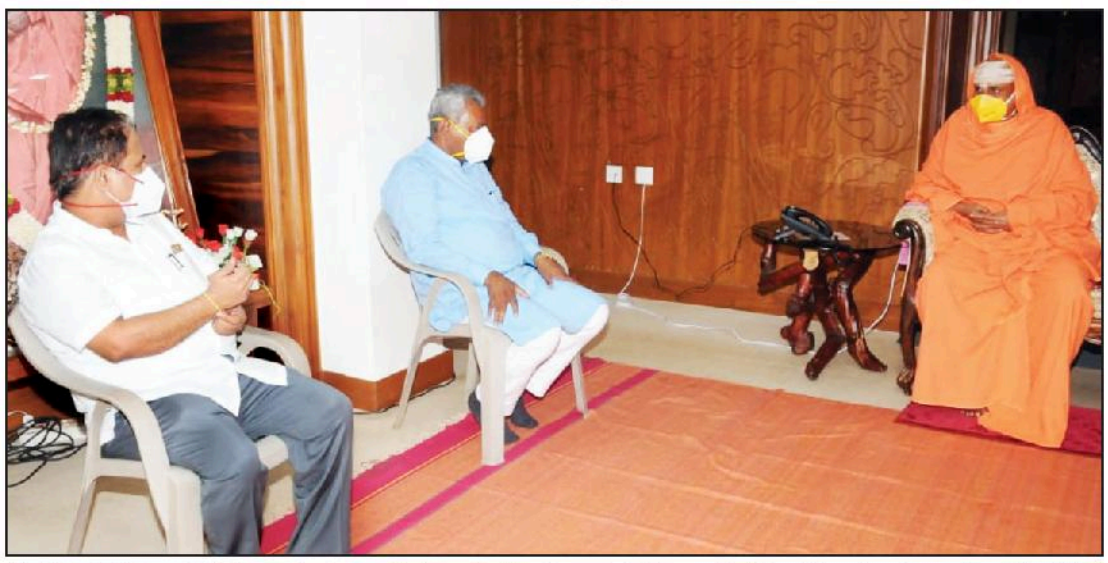
He leaves behind his wife Vishalakshi, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage yesterday.

Mir Hashim Ali

Mir Hashim Ali (57), a resident of Udayagiri, passed away in the wee hours of today at a private hospital in city, following brief illness. He leaves behind his mother, wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. His another daughter had predeceased him seven months ago. Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place at Muslim Burial Grounds in city today.

Minister seeks more oxygenated beds at JSS



District Minister S.T. Somashekar called on Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji at the Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday and sought the Swamiji to provide more oxygenated bed facility at the JSS Hospital to treat COVID patients. The Minister was accompanied by MUDA H.V. Rajeev.

Ten days of COVID Curfew from Apr. 27

District sees 24,098 positive cases, 112 deaths and 13,117 discharges

Mysuru, May 7 (KS)- Mysuru district has seen a total of 24,098 COVID positive cases, 112 deaths and 13,117 discharges of COVID patients from hospitals in 10 days from Apr. 27 (the day COVID Curfew was imposed).

During the 10 days, the district saw the highest positive cases of 3,500 on Apr. 30, highest deaths of 18 on May 6 and highest discharges of 2,341 COVID recovered patients from various hospitals in the district on May 6.

While the highest of 3,500 positive cases was recorded on Apr. 30, 2,529 cases was recorded on May 1, 2,750 cases on May 2, May 3 recorded 2,685 cases, 2,293 cases on May 4, 2,790 cases on May 5 and 2,531 COVID positive cases was reported on May 6.

Date	+ve cases	Deaths	Discharges
Apr. 27	2,042	9	679
Apr. 28	1,759	11	882
Apr. 29	1,219	12	955
Apr. 30	3,500	13	1,078
May 1	2,529	7	1,424
May 2	2,750	8	1,126
May 3	2,685	14	1,605
May 4	2,293	10	952
May 5	2,790	10	2,075
May 6	2,531	18	2,341
Total 10 days	24,098	112	13,117

Two digit death figures was reported from Apr. 28 (11 deaths), Apr. 29 saw 12, Apr. 30 recorded 13, May 3 saw 14 deaths, 10 deaths were reported on May 4 and 5 and May 6 recorded the highest of 18 from Apr. 27 to May 6.

Discharges of recovered COVID patients from various hospitals in the district, has seen a significant rise from Apr. 27 till May 6. While 679 patients were discharged on Apr. 27, 882 were discharged on Apr. 28, 955 on Apr. 29, 1,078 on Apr. 30, May 1 saw 1,424 patients getting discharged, 1,126 were discharged on May 2, May 3 recorded 1,605 discharges, 952 on May 4, 2,075 on May 5 and the highest of 2,341 discharges of recovered patients was recorded on May 6.

The district has 16,763 active cases, according to the District Media Bulletin as on May 6.

Over 90 lakh vaccine doses still available with States: Centre

New Delhi, May 7 (UNI)- More than 90 lakh COVID-19 vaccine doses (90,30,670) are still available with the States and UTs, the Union Health Ministry said. As per the Ministry's data this morning, of this, the total consumption, including wastages is 16,44,77,100 doses.

States with negative balance are showing more consumption (including wastage) than vaccine supplied as they have not reconciled the vaccine they have supplied to Armed Forces, it said.

Besides, more than 10 lakh (10,25,000) vaccine doses will be received in addition by the States and UTs within the next 3 days.

A total 16,49,73,058 people have been administered COVID-19 jabs since Jan. 16, with 23,70,298 people being inoculated since yesterday.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Free vaccination for specially-abled

As the second wave of COVID attack continues to rage, the Women and Child Welfare Department, in association with the Department for the Empowerment of the Differently abled and Senior citizens, has launched free vaccination for differently-abled persons aged over 45 years and senior citizens at Primary Health Centres that are nearest to their homes. Also, differently-abled people above 18 years of age are advised to register with the Health Department's Co-Win portal and get vaccinated for COVID-19.

MGP virtual meet

Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP), Yadavagiri, will be conducting a virtual meeting-cum-interaction on Sunday (May 9) between 4 pm and 5 pm on the topic "Green and Renewal Energy Technologies at Homes and Apartments." Prof. Shamsundar Subba Rao, Head, NIE Centre for Renewal Energy and Sustainable Energies is the Speaker. Those interested, may call Ph: 0821-2515150 and forward their questions to: mygrapa@gmail.com.

Deadline extended

The Social Welfare Department has extended the deadline for SC community students to apply online for Post-Matric Student Scholarship till May 15. The eligible students can apply through the website: ssp.postmatric.karnataka.gov.in. For details, visit the Department Office located in Government Boys Hostel premises, opposite Murugadevi Temple, Nazarbad or call Ph: 0821- 2520910.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	93.24	feet
Yesterday	:	93.18	feet
Inflow	:	206	cusecs
Outflow	:	419	cusecs

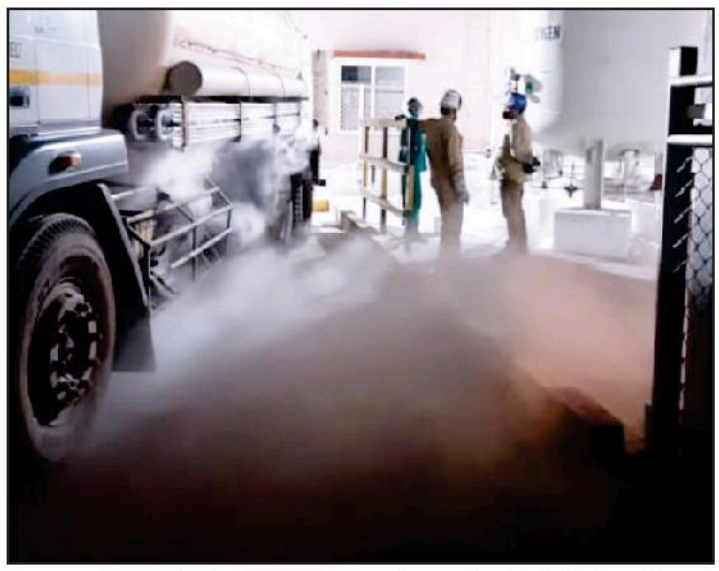
KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2259.01	feet
Inflow	:	370	cusecs
Outflow	:	725	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,819.83	feet
Inflow	:	129	cusecs
Outflow	:	100	cusecs

Chamarajanagar-like incidents averted in Bengaluru



Bengaluru, May 7 (SSV)- Two senior BJP leaders — Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan and Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) Chairman S.R. Vishwanath—, have averted Chamarajanagar-like incidents in Bengaluru on Wednesday night and on Thursday, after two Hospitals in their Constituencies, were about to go out of oxygen supply.

They immediately swung into action, arranged for oxygen cylinders from other sources and saved lives of over 250 Corona positive patients who were undergoing treatment.

Dr. Renuka Prasad, who maintains oxygen supply at K.C. General Hospital, joined hands with Dr. Ashwathnarayan and averted a major mishap. The Hospital has an oxygen storage tank of 6 tonnes capacity and by late night on Wednesday, barely 0.5 tonnes was remaining. About 200 patients were on treatment in oxygenated beds. The oxygen supply which was supposed to come from a private company in Ballari did not arrive, which caused anxious moments among the staff of the Hospital. Dr. Renuka Prasad then apprised the Deputy Chief Minister about the severity of the situation.

Immediately, Dr. Ashwathnarayan, also the MLA from Malleshwaram, sensed the gravity of the context and identified another private company located in Dabbaspet on Bengaluru-Pune National Highway (NH 48), at a distance of about 50 kms from the city, where oxygen was available and ordered the company to provide 20 jumbo cylinders. The company responded positively and agreed to send oxygen in a tanker to the Hospital.

Zero Traffic

In the meantime, the Task Force Head alerted the Traffic Police to ensure Zero Traffic Zone from Dabbaspet to the point of reach in Malleshwaram. The oxygen tank was refilled to 5.5 tonnes that is about 90 percent of the storage capacity, by 5 am on Thursday. Had the oxygen not arrived it might have led to another incident ending many lives.

The staff of the Hospital also played a crucial role throughout the night by monitoring the oxygen requirements of the patients. Till the oxygen arrived they managed with the limited available oxygen by analysing the requirement individually.

The Task Force Head and Dy. CM, who himself took the lead in this timely action was awake till 4.30 am. He also commended the efforts of the staff of the hospital.

In another incident on Thursday, Vishwanath was informed about oxygen going out of stock at a private hospital in Yalahanka where 28 COVID patients were being treated. On receipt of information, he personally went to the hospital and took stock of the situation. He, along with local Police officers, got the emergency supply of oxygen cylinders from Doddaballapur oxygen manufacturing plant and provided it to the hospital in right time.

In the meantime, of the total 28 patients, 12 were shifted to nearby private hospitals where oxygen was available. He also asked private hospitals not to admit patients beyond the capacity and play with the lives of people. Besides, they had to stock oxygen in Hospitals in tune with the number of COVID patients.

Girl goes missing from city

S. Chandana

Mysuru, May 7 - A 17-year-old girl, who left her relative's house at S.V.P. Nagar on Apr. 26 at about 8 am, without informing anyone, has since gone missing.

The missing girl is S. Chandana. She is 5.4 ft. tall, round faced, normal built, oily red complexioned, speaks Kannada and was wearing a black pant and yellow T-Shirt at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing person may contact Alanahalli Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418311 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Unidentified man dies at K.R. Hospital

Mysuru, May 7 (KS)- An unidentified man, who was found lying sick near Sub-Urban Bus Stand on Apr. 25 and shifted to K.R. Hospital by the Police, has breathed his last at the Hospital at about 11.15 pm on May 2.

The deceased is aged between 45 and 50 years, 5.2 ft. tall, normal built, oval faced, oily red complexioned, does not have right leg, has scar of an old wound on his left leg, mole on his chest and was wearing a cream coloured full arm shirt and brown pant.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Lashkar Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418187/307 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to the press release from the Station House Officer, Lashkar Police Station, Mysuru.

SC seeks Centre's plan of action for third COVID wave

New Delhi, May 7 (UNI) - The Supreme Court (SC) on Thursday sought the Centre's plan of action for the third surge of the COVID-19 pandemic, which the Government on Wednesday said is inevitable.

A Bench of Justices — D.Y. Chandrachud and M.R. Shah — was hearing the Centre's appeal challenging the Delhi High Court order regarding supply of oxygen to Delhi.

On Wednesday, the Apex Court had stayed the Delhi High Court's order which had issued a show-cause notice for contempt to the Centre for failing to meet the oxygen supply benchmark in the national capital.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, on behalf of the Centre, apprised that to allot 700 metric tonnes of oxygen to the national capital, the allotment for other States has to be interfered with.

The Supreme Court also pointed out the need to vaccinate the younger population fast as it would affect their families.

Stressing the ongoing second surge and a potential third wave, Justice Chandrachud observed that India does not have such a quantum of human resources and no country in the world can meet such a demand.

Directing the Centre to increase the healthcare personnel in the COVID workforce, the Court said that there are 1.5 lakh doctors and nearly 2.5 lakh nurses who recently completed their course.

"Among those completed MBBS are waiting for PG courses and nurses are fully trained. How can you make COVID service attractive to them?" the Court asked.

On Wednesday, the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Prime Minister had said a third wave of COVID-19 was inevitable given the high levels of the circulating virus and that they couldn't predict a time frame for it.

Fighting COVID war with proper ammunition

- Two hospitals dedicated to Mysuru on a single day to combat Coronavirus
- Princess Krishnajammanni Super-Speciality Hospital opens on KRS Road

Mysuru, May 7 (BCT)- At a time when distressing visuals and news articles about the plight of COVID-19 patients in the absence of oxygenated beds and ICU infrastructure in many Indian cities have been shaking our conscience since the outbreak of the deadlier second wave, Mysuru city has been adding more and more healthcare facilities and reserve them for Coronavirus treatment.

While yesterday morning (May 6) saw the inauguration of 72-year-old maternity hospital — Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Hospital on JLB Road — that has been dedicated to treat critical COVID patients, pregnant women and children, afternoon saw the inauguration of Princess Krishnajammanni Super-Speciality Hospital on KRS Road.

The 270-bed facility (when fully enhanced) is behind the Trauma Centre and is dedicated to Princess Krishnajammanni of erstwhile Mysore royal family. Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar inaugurated the Hospital that will be converted to a temporary COVID Hospital. The development assumes significance in the wake of surge in virus infection cases in Mysuru.

The Hospital has been built under the funds sanctioned by Department of Health and Family Welfare at an estimated cost of Rs. 123.77 crore (contract amount of Rs. 134.53 crore) and has been built by Pune-based B.G. Shirke Construction Technology. The total expenditure incurred till now is Rs. 114.54 crore. While the agreement to build the facility was signed on 16.08.2018, the Hospital construction was completed on 31.12.2020.

The Hospital was waiting for Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa to be inaugurated in January and the inauguration ceremony was delayed. Now with the spike in cases, the District Administration has decided to throw open the facility.

The total built-up area of the Hospital is 22,692 square metres (Sq.Mts.) and has three floors excluding the lower ground floor and upper ground floor. While the lower ground floor — 4,750Sq. Mts. — can house 20 beds, the upper ground floor — 4,247 Sq.Mts. can have 42 beds. The first floor — 4,542Sq.Mts. — can accommodate 63 beds, the second floor — 4,310Sq.Mts.— can house 63 beds. The third floor — 4458 Sq.Mts. — can accommodate 32 beds and these are all ICU beds and the floor has five operation theatres.

Other features of the modern hospital include water supply, internal and external electrification, fire fighting, modular operation theatres, medical gas piping system, chiller plant, building management system, heating, ventilation and air conditioning technology, 20 passenger/ hospital lifts, CCTV, telephone, networking, public address system, nurse call system, generator sets, transformer and an in-house sewage treatment plant that has a capacity to treat 300 kilo litres per day.

Now, as the priority is to combat COVID, all the beds, ICUs and wards at this Hospital can be used only for this purpose.

The District Administration has taken immediate steps to procure 40 oxygenated beds and the beds will be available after four to five days.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, MLAs L. Nagendra, G.T. Devegowda, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Corporator S.B.M. Manju, Mysuru DC Rohini Sindhuri, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) Dean Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj and others were present during the inauguration.

Role of Siddharamaiah, Vasu remembered

The Trauma Centre was inaugurated in 2018 in the same campus as Princess Krishnajammanni Super-Speciality Hospital that is dedicated to Princess Krishnajammanni of erstwhile Mysore royal family.

The foundation stone for Princess Krishnajammanni Super-Speciality Hospital was laid during the tenure of former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah and it was due to the efforts of the then Chamaraja MLA Vasu that the Hospital became a reality today.

After the inauguration, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha remembered the contribution of Siddharamaiah and Vasu. "It is due to their vision, special efforts and foresightedness that this Hospital became a reality in Chamaraja Constituency today. On behalf of Mysureans, I thank both of them," he said in a statement.

'I have made lot of efforts for Tulsidas Hospital renovation,' says former MLA M.K. Somashekar

Mysuru, May 7(PM&DM)- Maintaining that he had made a lot of efforts for the renovation of Seth Mohandas Tulasidas Maternity and Children Hospital on JLB road when he was the MLA, former K.R. MLA M.K. Somashekar of the Congress party has strongly objected to the current MLA S.A. Ramdas taking all the credit for the Hospital.

Addressing a press meet at Congress Bhavan near City Railway Station yesterday morning, Somashekar said that the Hospital has now been readied as a 100 oxygen bed COVID Hospital. Although he is happy to note that

the Hospital has come as a big relief for COVID patients who are in need of oxygen, at the same time he is disappointed that his contribution for the construction of the new building has been ignored. Accusing MLA Ramdas of falsely claiming credit for the construction of the new building, the former MLA said that the then Chief Minister Siddharamaiah had performed 'Guddali Puja' (ground breaking ceremony) for the new building on Mar.10, 2018. Highlighting his efforts for the construction of the new building, Somashekar said that he has papers as proof of the efforts he had made. Reiterating that Ramdas was falsely taking sole credit for the Hospital's new building, Somashekar accused the MLA of failing to bring any grants or projects for the development of the Constituency during the past three years.

Charging Ramdas of failing to come to the rescue of COVID affected, he alleged that Ramdas was staying away from the District Minister S.T. Somashekar's programmes, as he does not maintain a cordial relationship with him.

Accusing the State Government of complete failure in COVID management, he urged Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar to quit as he is incapable of handling the Ministry. Corporator J. Gopi, Congress leader Rajaram and others were present.

City corporates rush with COVID aid

Automotive Axles, N.R. Group, ATME College of Engineering help Mysuru navigate Coronavirus crisis

Mysuru, May 7 (BCT)- With Mysuru continuing to reel under the second wave of COVID-19 infections, corporate companies in the district are pitching in with relief efforts. The funding and relief efforts are focused on providing immediate medical relief to ease the pressure on medicines and life-saving oxygenated beds availability and healthcare infrastructure.

Automotive Axles-Meritor HVS India (P) Ltd. has come forward to take over one entire floor of the District Hospital on KRS Road and convert it into an advanced ICU care facility by donating over 100 hi-tech beds at an estimated cost of about Rs. 2 crore to Rs. 2.5 crore. These beds would be operational in the next two weeks.

Of the 100 beds, 16 will be with ventilator support and the rest will be oxygenated beds and some will be normal hospital beds. "We are taking over the responsibility of filling up one floor as ICU facility at the District Hospital and the beds will be distributed with added equipment in coordination with the Mysuru District Administration and the Health Department," President and Executive Director of Meritor HVS India Dr. N. Muthukumar told *Star of Mysore*.

"We want to donate the best of the facilities and help Mysuru to emerge victorious in the COVID battle. Normally, the Government is blamed for not creating medical infrastructure. We are determined to support Mysuru through this unprecedented health crisis as it is our responsibility to give back to the society where we have flourished," he said.

FROM LEFT: ***Dr. N. Muthukumar - President and Executive Director of Meritor HVS India; Napanda P. Thimmaiah - Managing Director and CEO, Meritor India and Automotive Axles; Arjun Ranga - Managing Partner of N.R. Group and L. Arun Kumar - Chairman of ATME College of Engineering.***

Managing Director and CEO, Meritor India and Automotive Axles Napanda P. Thimmaiah said that apart from converting one floor of the District Hospital as ICU facility, the company is also vaccinating en-masse. "We want to vaccinate as much people as we can and we have started the process. Company employees, their families and also general public are benefiting from the initiative whenever vaccine stocks are available. We are also planning to donate a mobile medical van and this will cost Rs. 1 crore to Rs. 1.5 crore," he explained.

The mobile medical van will be donated through Rotary Club and will have facilities like telemedicine consultation with specialists, digital radiography, X-Ray unit, ECG and blood testing units.

Dr. Muthukumar said that Automotive Axles-Meritor HVS India has done many environmentally-beneficial projects to keep Mysuru clean and green. "This time we have decided to quickly provide the much-needed medical equipment and build capacity to enable the Government to provide care for those affected and support for healthcare professionals tirelessly working to save lives," he added.

Ventilators and beds

As part of its Corporate Social Responsibility, N.R. Group, the makers of Cycle Pure Agarbathies, is donating ventilators costing Rs. 8 lakh, 100 beds costing Rs. 15,000 each, medicines and other equipment to K.R. Hospital and as per the requirement of the District Administration. The estimated cost of the donations so far is Rs. 30 lakh and the Group is ready to make more contributions in the form of donating oxygen concentrators and other equipment.

"We are in touch with the District Administration and have funded medicine procurement worth about Rs. 12 lakh and also, we are fulfilling the bed requirement stage by stage. It is just not about donating beds as we have to contact manufacturers and suppliers so that procurements are made as per the requirement of the administration," Managing Partner of N.R. Group Arjun Ranga said.

The Group is helping Mysuru in its war against the pandemic and has come forward to donate oxygen concentrators. "We are there to extend support and we are continuing the philanthropy efforts to help boost health infrastructure in the time of crisis," he added.

Semi-fowler beds

City-based ATME College of Engineering has extended its helping hand to the district authorities by donating 75 semi-fowler beds worth Rs.10.18 lakh to take care of COVID-19 patients.

"We are deeply moved by the suffering of patients in the recent times to get proper healthcare. Sensing the overburdening of the health infrastructure, we decided to make a small contribution. The Mysuru District Administration gave a call to industrialists and philanthropists to join hands in strengthening healthcare and we rose to the occasion and contributed," said L. Arun Kumar, Chairman of ATME College of Engineering.

ATME Charitable Trust, which manages ATME College of Engineering, is a philanthropic organisation involved in many humanitarian, benevolent and socially responsible activities, he added.

District Hospital on KRS Road.

K.R. Hospital on Sayyaji Rao Road.

State Government has totally failed in COVID management, says former MLA Vasu

Ex-MP Dhruvanarayan bats for complete lockdown

Former MLA Vasu addressing a press meet at his residence in Jayalakshmipuram this morning as former Chamarajanagar MP R. Dhruvanarayan and others look on.

Mysuru, May 7 (RK&DM) - Accusing the State Government and Mysuru District Administration of complete failure in handling COVID crisis, former Chamaraja Congress MLA Vasu has urged the Government to immediately make appointments to Government Hospitals and improve the infrastructure.

Addressing a joint press meet at his (Vasu) residence in Jayalakshmipuram here this morning along with former Chamarajanagar MP R. Dhruvanarayan, Vasu lashed out at the Central and State Governments for mishandling of COVID crisis.

Maintaining that Mysuru Maharajas had built big Hospitals like K.R. Hospital and PKTB Sanatorium, which handled deadly epidemics such as Plague and TB well decades ago, Vasu said that the present Government lacked vision and ideas to check the spread of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic.

Asserting that the District Hospital, Trauma Care Centre, Jayadeva Hospital, Krishnajammanni Super-Speciality Hospital and Government Ayurveda Hi-tech Panchakarma Hospital came up when Siddharamaiah was the Chief Minister and he (Vasu) was Chamaraja MLA, Vasu contended that the present Government does not have the capability to even recruit necessary staff and provide infrastructure in these Hospitals, which is one of the prime reasons for utter failure in COVID management.

Maintaining that the District Administration was totally ill-prepared for the second wave of the virus attack, the former MLA argued that Prime Minister Narendra Modi should take the blame for the spread of virus in the country as he showed negligence in the early days of the outbreak last year.

Referring to shortage of oxygen in the district, Vasu wanted to know the reasons why the District Administration had failed in meeting oxygen requirement, when the district has five oxygen refilling plants.

Expressing gratitude to Siddharamaiah for the construction of Hospitals when he was the Chief Minister, he said that this was possible as he did not seek any other favours such as official transfers and appointments.

Asserting that the nature of Mysuru would have completely changed had University of Health Sciences been set up in Mysuru as planned by Dr. Veerappa Moily when he was the Chief Minister in the 1990s, the former MLA said that K.R. Hospital would have become a Research Institute of national importance had the University been set up in city.

He also said that he was deeply disappointed when the Centre turned down a proposal to set up an AIIMS branch in Mysuru, citing policy matter.

Vasu urged the Government to set up Hi-flow Oxygen Plants and ramp up vaccination drive in the district. Former Chamarajanagar MP Dhruvanarayan, who also addressed the press meet, said that the State is staring at Health Emergency, with the infrastructure crumbling like never before.

Batting for a complete lockdown in Karnataka as advised by State's COVID Technical Advisory Committee, Dhruvanarayan argued that under the present circumstances, this seems to be the only formidable measure to check the spread of virus.

Claiming that Silicon Valley of Bengaluru had turned out into COVID Valley, Dhruvanarayan said that the Government should order a complete lockdown in the State and at the same time announce a financial package for the poor and working class.

Noting that the interference of Courts in respect of oxygen supplies only goes to show the Government's incompetence in handling oxygen crisis, he observed that the Court's interference is a result of the complete failure of the administration and Legislature.

Calling for replicating the measures taken by European countries like Italy, France and Germany for tackling the deadly pandemic, Dhruvanarayan alleged that the Prime Minister had failed to condole the deaths of 24 COVID patients at Chamarajanagar District Hospital, which shows that the PM has little concern for COVID deaths.

Contending that the unearthing of a bed-blocking racket in BBMP by BJP MP Tejasvi Surya was aimed at diverting the attention of the people from Chamarajanagar COVID deaths, which had earned nationwide attention, he said that the unearthing was timed at covering up the Government's total failure in COVID management.

He urged the Government to complete the works on the 500-bed Hospital in Chamarajanagar, which is attached to Chamarajanagar Government Medical College and immediately open it for public. Congress leaders Advocate Aravind, Shivamadu, Mohan and others were present at the press meet.

District in-Charge Ministers: CM initiates minor reshuffle

Bengaluru, May 7- Days after effecting a reshuffle in District in-Charge Ministers of six districts, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa today went in for another minor reshuffle, this time changing District in-Charge in respect of three districts.

According to today's reshuffle, Minister for Forest, Kannada and Culture, Aravind Limbavali has been appointed as the new District Minister of Kolar district, while Animal Husbandry Minister Prabhu Chauhan has been reappointed as Bidar District in-Charge and Horticulture Minister R.Shankar as Yadgir District in-Charge.

The Chief Minister, only on May 2, had appointed Aravind Limbavali as Bidar District Minister and Municipal Administration Minister MTB Nagaraj as Kolar District Minister.

Now, Limbavali replaces MTB Nagaraj as Kolar District Minister.

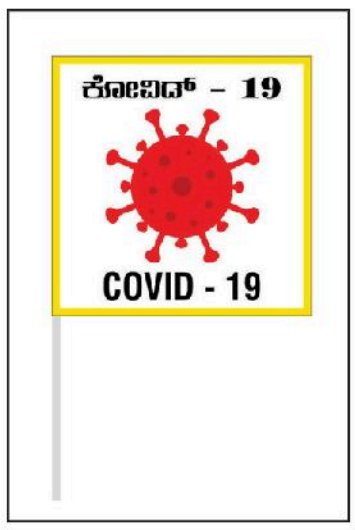
White flags to flutter atop COVID patient houses from tomorrow

Mysuru, May 7 (RKB&SSV)- To sound an alert, it has been decided put up a small white flag atop the houses of COVID-positive patients in Krishnaraja (KR) Constituency from tomorrow. The flag will have an image of the virus.

This was decided at a meeting of COVID Care Team headed by Krishnaraja MLA S.A.Ramdas at CADA premises this morning. The meeting was attended by Corporators, Police, Health Department, doctors of Primary Health Centres and Corporation officials.

After the meeting, Ramdas told media persons that over 40 ASHA workers will work in the Constituency putting up the white flags and distribute immunity kits containing immunity boosters. The flag will be removed only by ASHA workers after the home quarantine period is over. Patients will be given face shields, masks and sanitisers. Similar items will also be given to ASHA workers as they have to visit the houses of positive patients.

ASHA workers will also keep an eye on home-quarantined patients to prevent them from wandering on streets. Presently, many patients walk on the streets



without bothering that they will be spreading the disease to others. To check this, they will be closely monitored, he said.

Corporators Shivakumar, M.V. Ramprasad, B.V. Manjunath, Chayadevi, Champaka, Geethasri Yogananda, Soumya, Sharadamma, Shanthamma and Roopa were present.

Assistant Commissioner of Police Poornachandra, Police Inspectors Mahadevaswamy, Prakash and Venkatesh, Taluk Health Officer Dr.Mahadevaprasad, Assistant Commissioners Nanjundegowda, Sathyamurthy and Sushrutha and MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj and others attended the meeting.

Home isolation patients to be strictly watched

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"Those who have tested positive must mandatorily isolate themselves from other members of the household in a well-ventilated room and wear a triple-layered mask. But this is not happening and family members are getting infected. We need to prevent this at any cost, Jayaram said.

Monitoring must begin as soon as they test positive and War Room staff and tele-callers must take over. They must be asked if there are facilities for isolation at homes. "They must be constantly counselled and monitored and must be directed not to mingle with other family members. The disease is being spread within the four walls of the houses," Jayaram opined.

Patient should avoid sharing personal items with other people at home and the tele-callers must ensure that the isolated patients and their family members are properly counselled. Proportionate to the spurt in new COVID-19 cases during the second wave of the pandemic has been the enlargement of the pool of home isolation cases. The focus must be on guiding their recovery without the need for a hospital visit and also guide them not to spread the disease to other family members, he said.

If closely monitored and followed, very few home isolation patients experience aggravation of symptoms to a state of emergency that warrants their hospitalisation in a critical care facility. "Please ensure that only those patients who need hospitalisation are sent to healthcare facilities. There is a common notion that whoever tests positive, they all need oxygen and ICU care," Jayaram said.

Teams can be tasked with carrying out door-to-door visits to check on the health status of patients and in addition, ASHA volunteers can carry out daily house visits as part of surveillance measures."What we are seeing from death audits is that people hesitate to disclose whether they are running a temperature or suffering from a headache or body pain. Many patients turn weak and require hospitalisation and they don't realise this. As such, precious time in diagnosis and treatment is lost. This problem has to be solved," Jayaram told the officials.

What we need to know about COVID-19 Vaccines

By Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy

It was in March 2020 India took many harsh measures and enforced lockdowns which gradually reduced the incidence of COVID disease. As the country was feeling happy by the beginning of 2021, and slowly relaxed many restrictions, COVID-19 disease has returned with greater fury and virulence. All over the world including India, vaccine discovery and production was encouraged by the Governments.

From the available data, all the vaccines presently used in many countries appear to be mostly safe and extremely efficacious. Even when there is an occasional breakthrough infection, the vaccines mitigate the effects of the disease reducing hospitalisation and mostly preventing death. So emphasis on vaccination is on the minds of the health care policy-makers. In this article some of the frequently raised doubts and questions are being discussed.

What is herd immunity?

Herd immunity, also known as population immunity, is the indirect protection from an infectious disease that happens when a large percentage of the population is immune either through vaccination or immunity developed through previous infection. WHO supports achieving 'herd immunity' through vaccination, and not by allowing a disease to spread through population which may result in unnecessary sufferings and deaths.

Israel has been a world leader in its vaccination roll-out, with close to 60% of its one crore population having received mRNA vaccine. Its nationwide database has already shown the vaccine to be highly effective in preventing symptoms and severe illness associated with COVID-19. This has enabled the country to relax most of the restrictions. Likewise, the UK also started its vaccine roll-out in December and has seen a dramatic decline in cases since its peak in January. Israel's and Britain's example gives hope to other countries trying to vaccinate vast populations.

Vaccine hesitancy, also known as anti-vaccination or anti-vax, is a reluctance or refusal to be vaccinated against contagious diseases. People who conform to this view are commonly known as "anti-vaxers." This is for a number of reasons like personal fears and beliefs, needle phobia and misconceptions circulated through social media. In India and many parts of the world, during the initial phase of vaccine roll-out many people did not come forward to take the jabs.

What are the vaccines available in our country?

In India two vaccines are in use at present. One vaccine has been developed by AstraZeneca (AZ) in cooperation with Oxford University and produced by Serum Institute in India and is named "Covishield." The other one "Covaxin" is a fully indigenous vaccine manufactured by Bharat Biotech with completely Indian technology.

Till now about 13 crore people have been vaccinated in India, which is the third highest in the world after US and China. Trials are on in India for Russian developed Sputnik vaccine. Probably by the end of this month we may have Sputnik and a few more vaccines, since the Government will give import licences for vaccines not made in India but being used in other countries.

Why mRNA vaccines are not available in India?

These vaccines are produced by a new technology developed by a West German company. Pfizer has developed a vaccine based on this technology. Moderna also produces mRNA vaccine. These vaccines are highly temperature-sensitive and require very cold temperatures to store them. Establishing a cold chain for

such a vaccine is a very expensive and difficult proposition in our country where stable and continuous power is not available. USA, Canada and Israel use only these two vaccines, and UK has used mainly AZ vaccines.

What are the side-effects of vaccines?

Most common are pain or tenderness at the injection site, headache, tiredness, muscle or joint aches, fever, chills and nausea. The side-effects are usually mild or moderate and get better within a few days. Experiencing side-effects isn't necessarily a bad thing. In fact, it's a sign that our body is responding. These side-effects have been seen to be more intense after second dose.

Are there any serious side-effects?

One of the serious side-effects have been very rare cases of unusual blood clots with low blood platelets, and many times these can be fatal. As per the recent data published by Oxford scientists, the risk of clots is five per million with AZ vaccine and 4.1 per million with Pfizer/Moderna vaccine. Severe allergic reactions to vaccines are extremely unusual but can happen. Rarely myocarditis (that is inflammation of the heart) has been reported with mRNA vaccines in Israel. Of over five million people who received the vaccine in Israel, around 62 cases of myocarditis were recorded in days after the second dose of vaccine.

How long does protection from vaccines last?

Experts don't know the answer yet, since vaccines have been in use for a few months only. While the protection from current COVID vaccines may last for at least about a year, they probably won't offer lifelong protection as seen with measles shots. Some vaccine-makers have already hinted that a booster shot may be required every year.

Can someone get COVID after a second shot?

Coronavirus vaccines are made to protect individuals from getting infected. In the last few weeks there have been several reports of vaccinated people, even those who have received both doses, testing positive. Such cases are referred to as **"breakthrough infections"** indicating that the virus has been able to break through the defences created by the vaccine.

During trials, various COVID-19 vaccines have been shown to be between 75% and 95% effective. Hence some vaccinated people may get the infection. **It takes about two weeks for the body to build immunity after being vaccinated,** and so the chances of a person falling sick from COVID during this period is the same as an unvaccinated person. Then there is the emergence of new variants of the virus.

As per ICMR (Indian Council of Medical Research) data, by April 21, 11.6 crore doses of Covishield vaccine had been administered. Among 10.03 crore people who had taken only the first dose, 17,145 had got breakthrough infection and among the 1.57 crore people who received the second dose as well, 5,014 had got infected later. Again the results are almost similar with Covaxin. The message is that it is rare to get the disease after vaccination but not impossible. Coronavirus vaccine cannot cause a COVID nasal swab to become positive. If one tests positive for COVID-19 even after being vaccinated, one should treat that positive test as an actual COVID infection.

What happens if one misses the second jab?

All the vaccines currently in use all over the world require two shots for optimum effect. The interval between the first and second dose for Covaxin is 28 days, while for Covishield it's between four to eight weeks. The consequence of missing out the second dose is that person is not protected. Such a candidate when exposed to the infection may get infected, get the disease and may even get it severely. One can only hypothesise that the impact of a single dose of vaccine may not be as robust as a person who got a second dose. But it would still be much better than someone who is unvaccinated. Single dose does not induce strong immunity. The maximum protection can only be achieved after the second dose. The good news is the recent study results released by Oxford scientists shows that even a single shot of AZ and Pfizer vaccines cuts infection rate by 65%.

Does a person need a vaccine if he/she had COVID-19?

As of now we have no clear data to tell us how long the protection from COVID-19 infection lasts. Hence all those who recover from COVID illness are advised to take a vaccine to get full protection. The vaccine should be given only after full recovery from the illness.

Do children and adolescents need the vaccine?

At present no data is available and children are not being vaccinated. Trials are being conducted of youngsters aged 12 years and above. If the trials prove to be encouraging, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) may authorise emergency use in adolescents.

Can COVID-19 vaccine cause a positive test result for the disease, such as for a PCR or antigen test?

No, the COVID-19 vaccine will not cause a positive test result for a COVID-19 PCR or antigen laboratory test. This is because the tests check for active disease and not whether an individual is immune or not. However, because the COVID-19 vaccine prompts an immune response, it may be possible to test positive in an antibody (serology) test that measures COVID-19 immunity in an individual.

Do the vaccines protect against variants?

The COVID-19 vaccines are expected to provide at least some protection against new virus variants and are effective at preventing serious illness and death. That's because these vaccines create a broad immune response, and any virus changes or mutations should not make vaccines completely ineffective.

What is the future evolution of COVID vaccines?

Single shot vaccines are already being developed. Johnson and Johnson have already completed the trials for a single dose vaccine and are awaiting USA FDA approval for emergency use. Vaccines that can be given in alternate routes like a tablet or as a nasal spray are being developed by many vaccine manufacturers. Researchers are also investigating the use of different combinations of vaccines to bolster an immune response with a cocktail of antigens.

Probably this disease may stay with us for a long time to come. The variants may produce frequent outbreaks of COVID. If we are fortunate one of the variants may become milder and produce less severe disease. In future this vaccine may become part of the children's vaccination schedule. Technology is advancing and vaccines that give a permanent immunity are a possibility.

"Bottom line, is that we've got to get the entire world vaccinated, not just our own country, otherwise every year there will be another threat as more mutants come by."

—Dr. Anthony Fauci, Chief Medical Advisor to US President Joe Biden

Mysuru Zoo staff vaccinated

Mysuru, May 7 (MTY&SSV)- The staff of Mysuru Zoo got vaccinated against COVID-19 virus on Wednesday in the wake of second wave of pandemic sweeping across the country.

The vaccination drive was launched by Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy here by taking the Covishield vaccine at Amphitheatre in the Zoo premises.

Speaking on the occasion, he said all precautions have been taken as per the Government guidelines. The staff members were thermally scanned at the entrance. Later, they must sanitise their hands. Entry of tourists to the Zoo has been banned in view of COVID Curfew and in spite of this the entire area was sanitised.

Vehicles carrying food for the birds and the animals were disinfected at the main gate.

For the first time, ZAK has organised vaccination for the employees above 45 years of age. Now, staff above 18 years were inoculated. Officers too have taken the vaccine.

The safety of all birds and animals in all Zoos across the State had been taken. Disinfectants were sprayed on the cages to prevent any kind of infection. Zoo Executive Director Ajith M. Kulkarni, Range Forest Officers Prashanth and Manjunath and others were present.

> The Zoo staff have been given strict instructions not to touch any bird or animal as being done in some countries. The animal keepers have to wear hand gloves, masks and then feed the animals. Wet mats are put in the nests. Even keepers were following safe distance from the birds and the animals.
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> —ZAK Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy

Sericulture Department
sets up Helplines for farmers

Mysuru, May 7- In the wake of rising COVID cases, the Sericulture Department has set up helplines at all taluks of the district for the benefit of Sericulturists and other stake holders in order to address their problems or grievances. The Phone numbers of the Department officials are -

Office of the Deputy Director of Sericulture, Mysuru: 0821- 2334004.

Mysuru - M. Maheshkumar (99641-84405) and M. Krishnamurthy (99869-48958)

Nanjangud - N.Umesh (99450-47204) and S.M. Basavaraj (99644-15361)

T. Narasipur - C.R.Krishna (99006-28213), K.J. Nagaraju (94801-68854) and H.V. Vasantharaju (94499-31016)

K.R. Nagar - Siddaraju (78927-88175) and D.S. Ramachandra (98459-24770)

Hunsur - Rachappaji (95918-82261) and S.V. Kumbar (87223-91720)

Periyapatna - Siddaraju (78927-88175), J. Chandregowda (99802-64046) and Ramachandra (99728-43192)

H.D. Kote - M. Manjunath (98444-89705) and C. Umesh (91081-64005)

Saragur - C.Umesh (91081-64005) and Javaraiah (98455-64526)

Silk Cocoons Market, Mysuru- D. Somanna (93803-33474) and Shivakumar (97385-70417).

Minister Poojary wants medical team to
take care of COVID patients in home isolation

Mangaluru, May 7 (UNI) - Dakshina Kannada District in-charge Minister **Kota Srinivas Poojary** has instructed officials to form medical teams to take care of COVID patients in home isolation as over 85.70 percent of patients in the district are in home isolation.

Presiding over a meeting of experts here on Thursday in the backdrop of the rising COVID cases in Mangaluru, he said of the 8,414 active cases in the district, 1,204 are being treated in hospitals while the rest 7,210 patients are in home isolation.

The Minister directed the Deputy Commissioner to form 78 teams comprising even doctors so that those in home isolation can get good treatment. He also said special care should be given to patients over 45 years of age.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra who also spoke, said some religious organisations and private institutions are coming forward to open COVID Care Centres. The officials should first inspect if the places have all facilities before permitting the centres.

COVID-19 surge increases
workload of Mukthidhama staff

Mysuru, May 7 - As Mysuru is witnessing surge in COVID-19 cases with increased number of causalities every day, the staff members of Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage are facing increased workload than ever before.

K.R. Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. N. Nanjundaswamy said that the crematorium staff are now working under a lot of pressure. "Here, we cremate the bodies of COVID victims according to the protocol. Earlier, we used to get eight to 10 bodies for cremation, but from the last few days, up to 14 bodies are arriving each day.

0Over the past couple of days, furnaces here have been taking significant load and our staff members are working round the clock," he said.

"Coronavirus infected patients are being treated at K.R. Hospital surgical and medical wards and also at various other private hospitals. On an average, we used to get at least four to six persons who have succumbed to the virus infection. We share these details with COVID War Room as well as Mysuru City Corporation (MCC). Unless the body is completely burnt to ashes, we cannot receive any more victims for cremation. As a result, bodies of such victims would remain in the mortuary," he said.

"On Monday, four persons had died due to COVID-19, but we were not in a position to receive those bodies. MCC had shared the information with us, but the hearse van, which transports bodies from the hospital to the crematorium had some technical issues due to which we had kept the bodies in a designated room."

"But some people complained about this whole process and alleged that hospital staff are not releasing the bodies. Later, we handed over and cremated the bodies here at Mukthidhama," he added.

Anti-poor people Govt., alleges AAP

Malavika

Mysuru, May 7- A Government which actually cuts ration quantity during a pandemic is definitely an anti-poor people Government, alleged Malavika Gubbivani, District Convener of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Mysuru.

The ration quantity of food grains given to BPL families under State PDS and PM Garib Kalyan Scheme has been drastically cut when poor people do not have regular means of livelihood and are finding it difficult to get two square meals a day.

AAP demands that at least 10 kg of food grains per person per month be made available to BPL card holders out of which half can be rice and the other half ragi or wheat, she said in a press statement.

Auto and Taxi Trade Union
demands financial package

Mysuru, May 7 (SPN&DM) - Maintaining that COVID Curfew and COVID crisis have dealt a big blow to their income and livelihood, the City's Auto and Taxi Trade Union has urged the State Government to announce a financial package for auto and taxi drivers, who are under deep distress having lost their earnings.

The Union, in a press release, said that it has launched an online campaign, pressing the Government not to seize commercial vehicles for at least one year for non-payment of taxes and to ensure indemnity from Bankers and Financiers who have extended loans for purchase of vehicles.

Demanding the Government to credit Rs.10,000 to every auto and taxi owner as relief in this hour of crisis, the Union demanded that the Government should exempt the auto and taxi owners from Motor Vehicle Tax until April 2022 and waive off interest on loans in full.

90 arrested for selling
Remdesivir in black market

Bengaluru, May 7 (UNI) - As many as 90 people have been arrested in the State for selling Remdesivir in the black market, Director General of Police Praveen Sood said.

The antiviral drug is used in the treatment of COVID-19.

In a tweet, he said "Ninety people have been arrested for selling Remdesivir in the black market and cases booked against 38 persons for packaging fake Remdesivir so far" without mentioning the period during which they were arrested. He said the arrests were part of a drive to nab those trying to earn money illegally "in this tough situation."

Demand has shot up for Remdesivir in Karnataka following the spike in the number of cases.

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa had warned of stringent action against those selling Remdesivir in the black market.

WORD OF THE DAY

Sumpsimus

Pronunciation: suhmp-suh-muhs.
Meaning: Adherence to or persistence in using a strictly correct term, holding to precise practice.
Origin: The odd noun sumpsimus, "adherence to a correct word or practice while rejecting an erroneous but more common one; a person who stubbornly adheres to such correctness," has an equally odd history. Sumpsimus is actually a Latin verb form "we have taken," the first person plural perfect indicative of sūmere "to take, take up." Sumpsimus is part of the priest's postcommunion prayer in the old Latin liturgy before the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), and the entire sentence reads Quod ōre sūmpsimus, Domine, pūrā mente capiāmus "What we have taken by mouth, O Lord, may we keep with a pure mind." The traditional story behind sumpsimus is that Erasmus, the Dutch humanist and scholar, wrote a letter in 1516 about an English priest who, when he was corrected about his use of incorrect mumpsimus for the correct sūmpsimus, said he would not change his old mumpsimus for the new sumpsimus. Thus mumpsimus, the opposite of sumpsimus, means "adherence to an incorrect word or practice while rejecting the correct one, or a person who persists in a mistaken expression or practice."

THE ODD WORD

Sabot

Wooden shoe; clog.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Slow and steady wins the race

Meaning: Hastily jumping into an activity, job, or something else can cause problems; sometimes a more consistent approach, even if it is slower, can be ideal and give better results.
Origin: As the saying goes, slow and steady wins the race, but where does this term come from? The origin is believed to be from one of Aesop's fables. Aesop was a Greek fabulist, and it's believed that he lived around the time of 620 to 560 B.C.E. He wrote numerous fables that are known collectively as Aesop's Fables. One of the stories credited to his name is one that you've probably heard before—The Tortoise and the Hare. In this story, a hare makes fun of a tortoise for being slow. The tortoise then challenges the hare to a race. Amused by the idea, the hare accepts. He believes there is no way he could possibly lose to a slow turtle. With the course set and ready to go, the race begins and the hare quickly darts down the path, leaving his fellow green contender in the dust. It's not long before the hare builds a strong lead. In fact, his lead is so strong that he decides to take a nap! Meanwhile, the tortoise continues plodding along, running at a slow and steady pace until he eventually catches up and even passes the napping hare!

QUOTE BOX

When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on.

— Franklin D. Roosevelt

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

CUPSKELETONSBOARD

Answer: Skeletons in the cupboard.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Internet addresses
4 Video game genre in short
7 Seller-Furnished Equip.
10 Test of knowledge
12 Loire's contents
13 Prefix with port
15 Stringently
17 Remainder or what's left
18 Legume
19 Graf rival
20 Pace
23 Arab boat
25 Infant
26 Without pattern
29 As bare __ _ stone? (2,1)
30 Floor covering
31 Young goat
33 Shun
36 Maori war dance
37 Horse chow
38 Faithful
39 Images or icons
42 Be unwell
43 Kitchen floor-covering
44 Levels of authority
49 Rahu's counterpart
50 "Ali" turning into a girl?
51 Expression of disgust
52 Craggy mountain top
53 Secret police of erstwhile USSR
54 Pankaj or Ambar of Indian cricket

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

	B	A	A		R	C	B		C	N	S	
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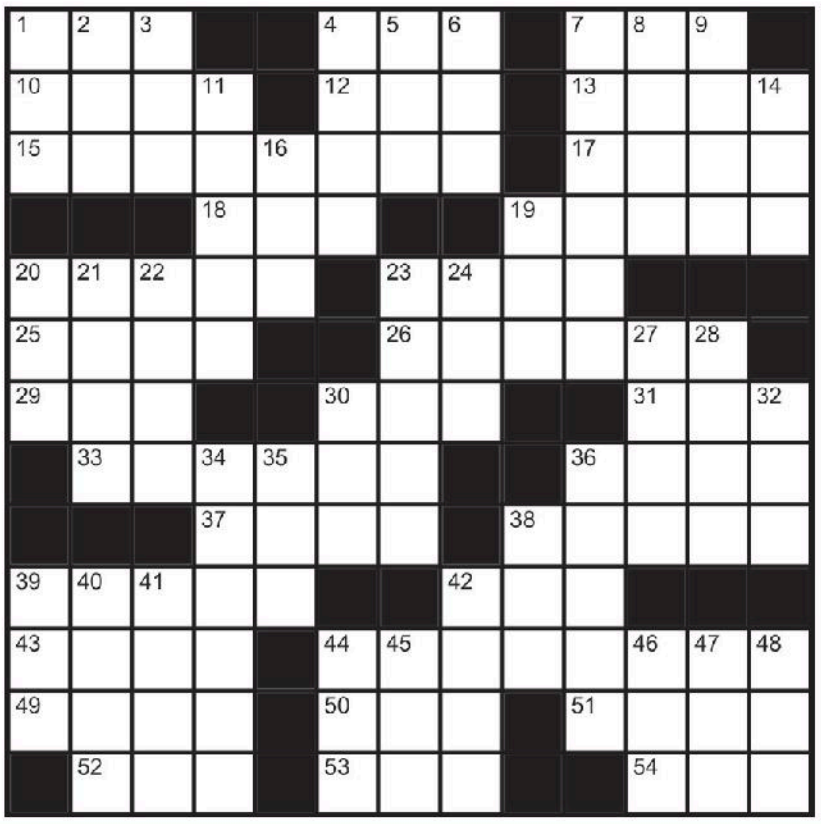
C	A	R	R		O	L	E		T	Y	N	E
	N	E	E		A	T	R		E	X	O	

Down

1 Binet-Simon test measurements
2 ___ through : complete successfully?
3 To ___ With Love: Sidney Poitier's famous movie?
4 "Retired" in short?
5 Buddy
6 Fellow
7 Canny
8 Be conscious of
9 Otherwise
11 Quick and energetic
14 His, hers or ___
16 Dove sound
19 Male offspring
20 TV listing abbreviation
21 Being comfortable
22 IIM grads.
23 Attracts
24 Stetson or bowler?
27 Alright
28 ___ Hakkinen: 1998-1999 F1 Champion
30 Came across
32 Indian dish - "lad" trouble ?
34 Red, blue, or green ?
35 Owns
36 Christmas foliage
38 Falsehood
39 Kind
40 Eating program
41 I am _ _ it : I am aware of it? (2,2)
42 A biblical king
44 Large deer
45 Delve
46 Belonging to us
47 Cpl. e.g.
48 Firmament



SUDOKO

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	2							5
			3		9	2		
				7				
		8	4		6			
5							9	
1						7		8
7		6	9			5		1

Answer to previous puzzle

8	2	9	1	3	7	5	6	4
6	5	1	9	8	4	2	7	3
3	4	7	5	2	6	1	8	9
9	6	2	8	4	3	7	5	1
7	8	4	6	1	5	3	9	2
5	1	3	2	7	9	8	4	6
2	3	6	7	9	8	4	1	5
4	7	5	3	6	1	9	2	8
1	9	8	4	5	2	6	3	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

NYJ HZCUZXZVMUVJ GX LMU ZH NYMN YJ ZH

ZUHZCUZXZVMUN MUP ZH MTMFJ GX ZN.

TODAY'S CLUE: Y EQUALS H

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A little sincerity is a dangerous thing, and a great deal of it is absolutely fatal.

Minister inspects COVID War Room

Mysuru, May 7 (SSV)- Co-operation and District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar visited the COVID War Room housed at the new Deputy Commissioner's Office Complex in Siddarthanagar here last evening to have first-hand experience of its functioning.

Officers in-charge of the War Room told the Minister that both citizens and Corona patients make calls to the Helplines. While some of them call to enquire non-receipt of COVID test reports others enquire about other things.

People from Chamarajanagar and Mandya districts also call the War Room. Details of every caller will be transferred to Departments concerned, they said.

Recommendation will be made to Hospitals for admission depending upon the health condition of patients besides obtaining details of beds available in both Government and Private Hospitals.

The Minister also inspected the functioning of bed management, triage and tele-medicine section which takes care of Corona positive patients under home quarantine.

Temporary appointment

He said the State Government has released Rs. 4.5 crore for appointment of medical staff on temporary basis for the treatment of COVID-19 patients. The monthly payment of Rs. 25,000 has been fixed for nurses, Rs.60,000 for doctors and Rs.1.25 lakh for specialists, he added.

On patients going into hiding after testing Corona positive, the Minister said around 10 percent of people switch off their mobile phones once they were informed that they tested positive and go untraceable. A First Information Report (FIR) is filed against such persons with Police tracing them with the help of mobile tower location. Then they will be home quarantined or admitted to COVID Care Centres, he added.

Somashekar suggested the Officers in-charge of War Room to change the software following complaints from general public. The software must mention about the availability of beds in both Government and Private Hospitals, he noted.

MP Pratap Simha, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. B.S. Manjunatha Swamy, War Room Nodal Officer Manjunath, Triage Nodal Officer Dr. B.S. Seethalakshmi, Bed Management Officer Dr. Ashok and others were present.

Enter City Railway Station from Main Gate only

SWR Mysuru Division closes multiple entries and exit points from platforms; Shuts CFTRI - Rail Museum side entry and Subway too

A Railway staff screening a passenger with thermal scanner yesterday.

Mysuru, May 7- Since the operations of inter-State bus services have stopped in Karnataka, there has been a gradual increase in the number of rail passengers both in the unreserved and reserved sector. To keep a close watch on the prevailing situation of widespread COVID pandemic across the country and as per the directives of Railway Board, the South Western Railway (SWR) Mysuru Division will follow strict protocols for movement of passengers from Mysuru City Railway Station.

To restrict face-to-face movement of passengers and to regulate freeway for passengers alighting or getting on to the trains to go to their respective destinations, the existing multiple entries and exit point from platforms of Mysuru Railway Station are closed till further advice.

The west-side entry to Railway Station (CFTRI - Rail Museum side entry) and Subway exiting on circulating area towards Main Railway Station will also be kept closed.

There will only be a single entry point to the platforms from the portico of the main Station building where the passengers shall be subject to thermal screening and ensure the wearing of mask or face covers. Passengers who are found asymptomatic will only be permitted to travel and any violation will be dealt with in accordance with the guidelines.

Similarly, there will be only one separate single exit point near foot overbridge on Platform 1.

Passengers with wait-listed tickets will not be allowed to enter the Railway Station. Confirmed ticket passengers have to mandatorily carry sanitisers during the journey and observe social distancing both during boarding and journey and adhere to health protocols as prescribed by the destination State or Union Territory.

The existing policy for non-supply of linen and blankets for passengers travelling in AC coaches will remain in force.

All travelling passengers and stakeholders are requested to use the main entry for entering and exiting the Railway Station and cooperate with the Railways in the larger public interest, according to a press release from Dr. Manjunath Kanamadi, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, SWR Mysuru.

Air passengers number sees drastic fall in Mysuru

File photo

Mysuru, May 7 (RK&DM)- With the enforcement of COVID curfew following the sudden surge in COVID-19 cases, the number of air passengers flying into and out of the city has witnessed a sharp dip over the past few days.

Air Transport operators such as TruJet and Air Alliance used to record a good 70 percent occupancy regularly in their flights to various destinations such as Bengaluru, Chennai, Belagavi, Hyderabad etc., just two months ago. But the second wave of COVID attack has dealt a big blow to flight operators, who continue to see an occupancy of just about 25 to 30 percent in flights, according to Mysuru Airport Director R. Manjunath.

Pointing out that COVID induced curfew had hit the airline industry hard just as any other industry, Manjunath said that barring Mysuru-Bengaluru-Chennai and Mysuru-Bengaluru-Belagavi flights, all other flights from Mandakalli (Mysuru) Airport were cancelled on Thursday due to poor bookings.

Noting that with a sharp drop in passengers over the past few days, it has been decided to operate flights only on the number of seat bookings, he said that all airplanes flying into and out of the Airport are being sanitised completely at the airport. Also, the airport has taken measures to ensure that all passengers and staff adhere to appropriate COVID-19 behaviour, he said and added that all staff have been vaccinated and that all precautionary and safety measures in accordance with guidelines have been taken.

Allot more oxygenated beds to NR Constituency, urges MLA

No discrimination in any Constituency, says Minister

*District Minister S.T. Somashekar seen addressing the meeting at ZP Hall in city yesterday as (from left) **Mayor Rukmini Madegowda, Narasimharaja Constituency MLA Tanveer Sait, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh and MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag look on.***

Mysuru, May 7 (RK&BCT)- There is an urgent need to allot more oxygenated beds to Narasimharaja (NR) Constituency by the District Administration in the wake of increasing COVID infections like in Bengaluru, said MLA Tanveer Sait. He was speaking at the COVID control progress review meeting of his Constituency held at Zilla Panchayat Hall in city yesterday.

The meeting was chaired by District Minister S.T. Somashekar and the MLA apprised the Minister and the district authorities that as infection rate is heading north, more facilities are needed in NR Constituency before the situation gets out of hand like in Bengaluru.

There are a total of seven hospitals in NR segment and at the Beedi Workers Hospital that has a capacity of 300 beds, 150 beds can be reserved as oxygenated beds. As Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) is funding medical equipment, the District Administration can appoint doctors, nurses, paramedical staff and Group D staff, Sait opined.

The MLA told the Minister that many patients who come from other districts are being admitted in Mysuru and this has caused a shortage of beds for the people of Mysuru. He alleged that there is no visibility into the measures taken by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and the District Administration to control the pandemic. "Persons who are testing positive every day are seen roaming on the roads. What is the MCC doing? Many patients are dying as no medical care is available and the poor are being forced to admit into private hospitals," Sait said.

Intervening in the discussion, Mayor Rukmini Madegowda said that many officers who are doing critical coordination work are not available over phone and there is no visibility of the available beds both in Government and Private Hospitals.

Tanveer Sait said that every day 800 to 900 COVID-positive cases are emerging from Narasimharaja and the administration cannot sit quiet without providing the necessary infrastructure. He was joined by ex- Mayor Ayub Khan.

Several Corporators said that in the absence of medical care, people are dying in auto rickshaws. "My sister-in-law died in an auto and being a Corporator, I could not get her a bed," said Corporator Samiulla. Former Mayor Arif Hussain said that the health infrastructure of Mysuru has collapsed and the loopholes are leading to many deaths.

MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag said that Task Force has been formed and the monitoring and allocation of beds are being done by the War Room and all Corporators have been made Ward in-charge to fight the contagion. This apart, vaccination team, home isolation team, counselling team and tele-consultation teams have been formed and responsibilities have been fixed, she added.

Minister Somashekar said that all Constituencies in Mysuru are being treated uniformly and there is no discrimination of any sort. "Be it hospital beds, vaccination, hospital equipment and other facilities, we have not done any discrimination," he said and admitted that there is a shortage of beds as people from other districts are being admitted in Mysuru. Steps have been taken to increase infrastructure, equipment and facilities, he added.

The Minister said that black-marketing of Remdesivir drug has been prevented and the supplies are given directly to the hospitals to curb pilferage.

Dy. Mayor Anwar Baig, ex-Mayor Sandesh Swamy, DC Rohini Sindhuri, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, Corporators Ashwini Sharath, Mohammad Shafi and others were present.

MLA Ramdas is District Task Force Advisor

H.V. Rajeev Convenor of Bed Management; Raghu Kautilya In-charge of War Rooms

Ramdas Rajeev Raghu

Mysuru, May 7 (PM&DM)- A day after MP Pratap Simha was made in-charge of Oxygen and Remdesivir injection supplies of the District-level COVID-19 Task Force headed by District Minister S.T. Somashekar, K.R. MLA S.A. Ramdas, who is also a former Medical Education Minister, has been appointed as Advisor to the Task Force on Thursday.

In other appointments to the Task Force aimed at effective COVID management, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev has been named as the Convenor of Bed Management in both Government and Private Hospitals. D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation Chairman Raghu Kautilya has been made In-charge of War Rooms set up for COVID management.

All the appointees will be in constant touch with authorities concerned for discharge of their responsibilities, according a press release from Office of the District In-charge Minister.

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